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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ZANU CLAIMS MAJOR MILITARY SUCCESS AGAINST
RHODESIANS

1. NOTICIAS DECEMBER 21 REPORTED THAT ZANU FORCES CARRIED OUT A MAJOR MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST A RHODESIAN AIR BASE (GRAND REEF) NEAR UMTALI ON DECEMBER 17, TWENTY-TWO RHODESIAN PILOTS, ONE INFANTRYMAN AND ONE CAPTAIN WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED IN THE ATTACK. ARTICLE NOTED THAT THE AIR BASE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED, BUT DID NOT MENTION WHETHER ANY PLANES HAD BEEN DAMAGED. ROCKETS, MOTORS AND HEAVY MACHINES GUNS WERE ALLEGEDLY USED IN RAID.

2 ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, GRAND REEF IS LOCATED TWENTY-SIX KILOMETERS FROM UMTALI AND WAS USED BY THE RHODESIAN AIR FORCE TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE. PRESS CLAIMED THAT THE RHODESIAN BASE WAS CONSTRUCTED "WITH THE AID OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY".

3. IN ANOTHER FRONT PAGE STORY, PRESS QUOTED ZANU VICE PRESIDENT
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DENT SIMON MUZENDA AS SAYING THAT "WE (THE PF) WILL MAINTAIN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COLONIAL POWER AND WILL FOLLOW THE POSITIVE LINES THAT ARE INSCRIBED IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS." HOWEVER, MUZENDA SAID THAT "WE KNOW THE ENGLISH ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN A COLONIAL SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA". MUZENDA ALSO CALLED SMITH'S PLANS TO HOLD ELECTIONS ON THE BASIS OF ONE MAN ONE VOTE AS NOTHING MORE THAN "MACHIAVELLIAN

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